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Jorgensen Calls for Additional Work on Middle Class Priorities

MADISON – State Representative Andy Jorgensen, (D-Milton) today decried Republicans for ending session in February, with over nine months left in the calendar year.

“I wasn’t elected to leave work early with unfinished business remaining,” said Jorgensen. “I’m here to serve the people of Wisconsin – to address their concerns – and unlike my Republican colleagues; that commitment doesn’t magically expire in February. More than ever, we need to continue working to create jobs and address economic inequality, strengthen our public schools to prepare the workforce of the future, improve our crumbling infrastructure, and deliver meaningful relief for all those with student debt.”

Rather than focusing on rebuilding our roads, funding our neighborhood schools, reforming the failed Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, or providing meaningful student loan debt relief; Republicans instead passed legislation which does little to help hard-working Wisconsinites. In last two weeks of session, Republicans focused on legislation related to specialized license plates, devaluing teacher licenses, weakening laws that protect renters from unscrupulous landlords, and further undermining local control.

“When I talk to the folks I am elected to serve, these are not the ideas people want the legislature focused on,” said Jorgensen. “What I hear from people is they overwhelmingly want Democrats and Republicans to work together on funding our roads, funding our schools, and creating jobs.”

Although the Assembly could continue working on legislative proposals at least through May, Republican leaders remain steadfast that the Assembly will not be meeting anymore this year. Democrats are willing to continue working on meaningful legislation that addresses the needs hard-working Wisconsinites, legislation that is bi-partisan.

“That’s the difference between Republicans and Democrats right now,” said Jorgensen. “While we’re focused on creating jobs, investing in education, and improving infrastructure; Republicans are only focused on calling it quits and cutting out of town.”

“Instead of helping the middle class, Republicans virtually used this entire session to help their special interests, help themselves to more campaign cash and stand with former presidential candidate, Governor Scott Walker” said Jorgensen. “What a wasted opportunity.”

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